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Mr. Frants P. Lund, our Home Demonstrator of American Cooperative methods in France, on his return to this Office contributes the following:

"In time of peace and plenty as well as in time of war the condition in the homes of a nation is the barometer indicating in advance what will befall the nation. When Rome stood on the height of its power and glory the home life commenced to show corruption, the barometer fell and pointed towards storm, and storm came, so intense that the Roman Empire broke down and was destroyed.

The danger of corruption in the homes is not so great, as long as the nation is working to change the wilderness into farm land and to develop the natural resources. The danger becomes greater when the nation has won over the natural obstacles and can commence to live a life of ease.

Rural cooperation and community activities are excellent and indispensable aids for a nation in reaching its full development, but in themselves they can only be of lasting value if they originate in and start from the farm home as a result of the needs felt there. They can not be created from above and accomplish what they are intended for, but must be the logical development resulting from and growing out of the home activities.

To develop that home to the fullest possible extent, to make that the crowning triumph of American civilization, so the home barometer continually will indicate beautiful weather, is the object of the Home Demonstration Work. That this work in some measure is succeeding is not only proved by the homes becoming more efficient and more attractive under the guidance of the Home Demonstration Agents, but also by the interest this work has created in other countries and the constantly increasing demand for information and instruction along this line."

COUNTY AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS MEETINGS ETC.
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS BY STATES.

Hon. Edwin T. Meredith, our new Secretary of Agriculture, requests the farmers to give hearty cooperation in securing a full and accurate census of the farms when he states: "If one farm is missed in the Census enumeration the returns will be incomplete. It is the public duty, as well as to the individual benefit of every farmer to have his farm represented in the Census."

The Secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation announces that nineteen states have ratified the constitution of the National Organization, and directors and members of the executive committee will hold a meeting in Chicago, at La Salle Hotel on March 3. Mr. Gray Silver of Martinsburg, W. Va., will be the Washington representative of the American Federation of Farm Bureaus.

A conference held on February 11 between the Shipping Board and representatives of principal nitrate concerns reached the agreement that the board would furnish requisite tonnage covering the period from now until July 1. Delays may occur for a few weeks in the deliveries but will be righted in time.

Nearly 50 per cent of the men under Vocational training in the sixth district, which comprises the states of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, are taking courses at some Agricultural Colleges.

The American Cotton Association recommends the installing of proper means in the departments for teaching the business side of cotton production, and two of the Southern universities are making plans to follow this advice.

According to the Dairy Division at Washington, Bull Associations are fast coming to the front and improving the livestock industry.

"Purebred cows in Bull association herds have increased 249 per cent since 1918 according to the bull association directory compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture." By comparison of the associations reported there is an increase of 118 per cent in 1919 over 1918.

On January 1, the "Better Sires" Drive reported that of the forty states enrolled thirteen of the number were from the southern territory.

It is shown by Professor E. L. Jordan on his return from Montgomery that "the Southern Cattlemen's Association is tending towards becoming a powerful factor in the development of the cattle industry in the South." John Cockerham of Luella, Louisiana, was elected president of the association.

The National Grange Office in Washington with Dr. F. C. Atkeson as Legislative representative, has outlined some points for a national farmers' policy which have been presented to the President. The Washington headquarters are still retained for 1920.

The Southern States International Stock Show will probably be held in the fall at Memphis, Tennessee.

The County Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association elected the following officers for the coming year: President, George W. Everson; Vice-president, N. V. Lasher; Secretary and Treasurer, Frank J. Walrath; ten directors were elected from each township and three to serve on the Executive Committee. Director W. M. Rider of the Extension Service of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America advises bi-monthly meetings for active promotion.

Miss Ola Powell, in charge of the Home Demonstration Work, and her three assistants, Miss Reese, Miss Wessling and Miss Keown, held promptly at noon on February 19, a most attractive luncheon in the Office of Extension Work in the South. This delightful demonstration of the arts in which these ladies excel was given in honor not only of our new Chief, Mr. J. A. Evans, and our Assistant Chief, Mr. Wm. B. Mercier, but also for the purpose of voicing the gratitude felt by these ladies for the

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open acknowledgement of their active services in their work. Happy faces, hearty congratulations and the graceful speeches of Mr. Evans and Mr. Mercier formed the closing features for pleasant memories of this charming high noon.

"The Home Economics Association of the District of Columbia cordially invites you to attend a "Get Acquainted" supper, Tuesday, March 9, from 5 to 8 o'clock p.m., at the Teachers' Club, 602 - 11th street, N. W. R. S. V. P. Miss E. H. Jonas, Apt. 518 - 1731 Columbia Road."

ALABAMA.

The fifth of the Group meetings of the County Agents will be held at Jasper on March 2 and 3. A definite Agricultural policy for a crop plan for 1920 will be formulated for the nine counties of Bibb, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson, Walker, Fayette, Lamar, Winston, Marion and Franklin, Hog, Fertilizer and Cotton questions will be under discussion.

On account of the State Livestock meeting on March 4 and 5 it is necessary to postpone the Decatur Group meeting until March 17.

The meeting of the Home Demonstration Agents will be held at the Alabama Girls' Technical Institute at Montevallo, March 16 to 26. Professor Martin, Mr. Lund, Miss Powell, Miss Wessling and Miss Keown will attend this meeting. The meeting is held at Montevallo instead of Auburn on account of the overflow of regular students and the additional students for vocational education.

The annual meeting of the American Cotton Association will convene at Montgomery on March 9 to 12. The delegates are urged to attend and bring their wives that a Ladies' Auxiliary may be formed at the Association.

Mr. W. O. Winston of Pickens county has been appointed District Farm Demonstration agent of the Alabama Extension Service. Headquarters, Auburn.

ARKANSAS.

Mr. Frants P. Lund is requested to spend three to five days in the northwest district of this state any time during the first weeks in March.

A negro District agents meeting will be held at Pine Bluff on March 3, and last throughout the week.

The 8th Annual Convention of the U. S. Good Roads Association as well as the U. S. Good Roads Show will be held at Hot Springs on April 12 to 17. The Department of Agriculture and the War Department will have an exhibit at this time.

County agent, C. A. Overstreet, of southwest Arkansas says "Cooperative shipments are doing more to get better hogs on the farms of Columbia county than anything that has ever been done. When a farmer brings in his razorbacks and places them beside the high grade and purebred hogs he soon decides that the next time he ships he will have animals of which he will not be ashamed."

The Cleburne county agent, Mr. Kennedy, has received 60 reports from 76 members of the County Council of Agriculture with reference to the 1920 seed supply. This shows the cooperative spirit between the farmers of the county and the agent. The Board will distribute the information over their individual communities.

FLORIDA.

The Florida University College of Agriculture will hold a short course in Agriculture on March 1 to 3 that the fertilizer salesmen may be able to gain information

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in this line. Subjects will be discussed by three Soil Improvement men, J. N. Harper Director of the Soil Improvement Committee; C. A. Whittle and F. H. Jeter, all of Atlanta, Georgia. Dean P. H. Rolfs of Gainesville, and many other influential men will make addresses.

The Annual Horticultural Society will hold a meeting at Jacksonville, May 4 to 7 Executive Committee, N. Harold Hume is one of the names given.

The dates of the fairs for this state will be given in the May and June issues of "First Aid."

GEORGIA.

The Georgia Farm Bureaus have elected the following officers:

President James Morton, Athens; Vice-president J. W. Vaughan, Cartersville; Secretary J. G. Oliver. Constitution ratified.

Mr. Frank H. Jeter, formerly editor of the North Carolina Experiment Station of the State Department of Agriculture, is now Agricultural Editor of the Soil Improvement Committee, Atlanta, Georgia.

KENTUCKY.

The meeting of the Conference on Rural Life and Education to be held at Berea College has been postponed to May 8 to 11.

LOUISIANA.

The Southern Home Economics meeting will be held at New Orleans on March 18, Headquarters the St. Charles Hotel. Some special meetings of household art work will be held at the Sophie-Newcome College.

Miss Mary Creswell is president of the Southern Home Economics Association and Miss Susie V. Powell secretary and treasurer. Miss Neal is chairman of the Extension Division of the Southern Home Economics Association and will preside at the meeting.

Miss Powell of this Office has been requested to discuss the "Recent developments of the Home Demonstration Work," and Miss Wesling has been invited to take part in the discussion of the "Extension section program."

We regret to announce Mrs. Alice Hickman Swart has resigned her appointment as State Home Demonstration Agent to take effect February 29. Her successor will be Miss Norma Overbey whose appointment as State Home Demonstration Agent was effective on March 1.

The Louisiana Jersey breeders' Association will be held at Alexandria, March 8 to 10. At this meeting Miss Madge Reese of this Office has been asked to send material for an educational Milk exhibit.

At the 2nd meeting of the Southern Forestry Congress held in New Orleans on January 28 the following officers were appointed:

President Mayor J. G. Lee; Vice-president Henry E. Hardtner; Secretary J. S. Holms.

The Louisiana Swine Breeders' Association will hold a meeting on the Parker Livestock Farm in West Feliciana Parish on March 18. Governor elect Parker will be present.

"The officers of the Loranger Community Cooperative Cow Testing Association are as follows: President, Eugene Pfafflin; Vice-president, P. G. Ricketts. These men are leaders in their communities.

John H. Cockerham, Luella, is president of the Louisiana Livestock Growers' Association. Secretary - C. C. Chapman, Baton Rouge.

MARYLAND.

District conferences are to be held at three centres of this state in the form of round table talks, discussions and plans of work for 1920.

Miss Madge Reese and Miss Wessling attended the District conference at Easton on February 25 to 27, making demonstrations. Miss Keown and Miss Wessling will attend these conferences in Washington on March 4, 5, 6 and at Hagerstown on March 10,11,12.

Miss Keown is requested to be present at the Woman's Short Course in Westminster held on April 1 and 2, and make an address on "Beautifying the Home."

The Farmers' Institute dates are as follows. March 1 to 4 in Alleghany county; March 9 to 11 in Kent county.

MISSISSIPPI.

A Creamery Short Course will be held at Jackson on March 30. Together with Tennessee this state has forged to the front in the creamery industry.

The Mississippi Breeders' Association meeting will be held at Jackson on March 30

Mr. James E. Tanner is now the State leader in the Boys' Club Work. In the letter of announcement great sorrow was expressed over the loss of Mr. Cobb and also a hearty welcome extended to Mr. Tanner.

The Cooperative shipping done by Mississippi farmers in 1919 through the county demonstration agents reached the astonishing total of $5,572,077.48, with a saving to the farmers of $769,586.19, estimated by Assistant Director Willis of the Extension force.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The District Conference of County & Home Demonstration Agents will be held at Raleigh on March 3, 4, 5.
Headquarters, Yarborough hotel. Mr. Schaub and Mr. Hill will attend this meeting.

The meeting of the Negro Agents at Newbern will now be held on March 17 & 18. It was scheduled for an earlier date in this month.

On March 1 a meeting of the State Livestock Association will be held at West Raleigh in the Office of Mr. Dan T. Gray at the State College of Agriculture.

The American Poland China Record Association will make arrangements to hold at Statesville on March 6 and at Raleigh on March 9, sales of purebred hogs. For further information apply to the secretary Mr. W. W. Shay, West Raleigh.

The regular Monthly Conference of the Extension Staff will be held at Raleigh on March 4, the time of the Agents meeting.

Addresses were made at the Salisbury meeting by Mr. J. A. Evans and Miss Ola Powell of this Office. Mr. I. O. Schaub made an address at the meeting at Goldsboro.

OKLAHOMA.

Our Annual summer meeting of the agents and the State Farm Congress meet the last week in August. A big exhibit of farm power machinery will be held also.

Much satisfaction is expressed over the announcement that Mr. E. A. Miller will be field agent for this state.

The Southwest American Livestock Show will be held March 1 to 6 at Oklahoma City.

The 3rd annual Farm Power Show will be held at Oklahoma City March 22 to 27. Joe M. Dawson, Manager.

George Bishop is president of the State Farm Council, and Dr. M. A. Beeson is Secretary and Treasurer.

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SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Bureau of Markets of the U S. Dep't of Agriculture will hold hearings on proposed standards for milled rice at the Charleston hotel on March 10.

Spartansburg county has two agents as her number of clubs are double that of any other county.

Plans were made at the Winthrop Conference by the State Specialist in charge of the work to hold a series of meetings of the Woman's council during the month of march.

According to Mr. J. P. LaMaster, Extension Service Agent in Dairying, South Carolina has the largest number of Cooperative Bull Associations in the United States There are thrateen of these associations in the state and several others about to for

Darlington county has organized the Darlington Livestock Association, President J. L. McIntosh, and Secretary and Treasurer, J. M. Napier.

TENNESSEE.

A two day district Conference of Agents will be held at Chattanooga on March 11 and 12. Mr. I. O. Schaub will attend this meeting.

Tennessee is making wonderful progress in the dairy world. The Creamery Association has been reorganized. It is reported that three of the local creameries have each produced more than half a million pounds of butter during the year - from 25 to 100 per cent more butter was made last year than during any previous years.

"In Knox county, the county council of Agriculture is planning a better livestock campaign and is making arrangements for the total elimination of all scrub sires in the county."

TEXAS.

The District meetings for the Home Demonstration Agents in the six districts of this state will be held as given below. Miss Madge Reese of this Officer will attend all of these meetings and give instructions in butter making and on the better utilization of milk in the homes in the following places:

	Huntsville.....	March	26 to	30 inclusive.
	Victoria.....	"	30	" April 1.
Staff Conference	College Station.....	April	5 to	8
	Waco.....	"	9	" 13
	Arlington.....	"	13	" 16
	Canyon.....	"	19	" 23

An eight weeks Course in Automobiles and Tractors is being given by the Agricultural Engineering Department of the A. & M. College. The Classes started on Feb. 18, and are being held every two weeks after this until June 9.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will be held at Fort Worth on March 10 to 15.

The onion growers of Frio, Texas, representing 500 acres of onions, have formed a pool to buy onion crates for the 1920 season.

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VIRGINIA.

The Agricultural Agents of the main railroads in this state will furnish plans for the erection of Lime bins for the farmers along the railroad lines. To these storage houses lime can be shipped from the Lime grinding plants and kept until needed by the farmers.

Governor Westmoreland Davis writes "The Clubs are doing a splendid work by teaching the boys methods of efficiency in food production and by training the girls in food economy and conservation."

N. D. Morse, colored agent in Mecklenburg county, reports this conversation between two farmers: "This demonstration work has done more to help our community than any other one thing I know. Before the agent started this work over our way I was not making half enough corn. I followed his advice the first year and made more than usual. The next year I had enough to do me and this year I have corn for sale. I give the agent credit."

The Farmers' Union of Virginia asks every member to contribute $1.00 to the building fund of the Temple of Agriculture in Washington. George H. Bowles, Lynchburg, Secretary; R. F. Bower a member of the state board is the representative of the Virginia Division on the National Board.

The Southern Holstein Friesian Breeders' Association organized in Richmond, headquarters Chamber of Commerce, has the following officers: President E. G. Schmidt, Richmond; Vice-president, H. S. Seward, Petersburg; 2nd Vice-president, George C. Gregory, Richmond; 3rd Vice-president, J. Scott Parrish; Secretary, W. M. Cease, Richmond; Treasurer, R. A. Talley. The sale was conducted by W. L. Kirby and made the highest average in the South.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miss Hannah Wessling is urged by the Charleston Woman's Club to come to this State the last week of March beginning March 27, and meet with the club on April 5 and certainly hold meetings in Parkersburg and places also where there are no demonstration agents.

The W. Va. Federation of Farm Bureaus voted to affiliate with the American Farm Bureau Federation and the following officers were elected. President W. D. Zinn, Barbour county; Vice-president, Robert H. Orr, Ohio County; Secretary, J. B. McLaughlin, Braxton county; Treasurer Jas. Carshaddon, Mineral county. Directors, Gray Silver and W. Gore, Harrison county.